

Kansas Regional Trauma Council Executive Report

North Central Trauma Region

October 29, 2004

Annual Meeting:

The NC region has two new physician representatives to the executive committee. Duncan Davis has joined the executive committee and he is with Clay County Medical Center. Pam Steinle also joined the executive committee and she is with Smith County General Surgery in Smith Center. We are pleased to have doctors Davis and Steinle on the executive committee. The new physician representatives replace Dr. Bob Gaekwad and Dr. Chris Bandy. Dr. Gaekwad recently resigned from the executive committee and Dr. Bandy as many are aware relocated to Topeka and is now a member of the NEKRTC executive committee.

The annual meeting was held on May 27, 2004 at the Kansas Highway Patrol Training Facility in Salina. Executive Committee elections were conducted and the original slate of executive committee members were re-elected. Dr. Osbert Blow from Overland Park Regional Medical Center presented on triaging the injured patient.

Projects and Major Activities:

Regional Trauma Planning

On April 27, 2004, the executive committee sponsored a trauma plan meeting in Beloit. The meeting was used to review the trauma plan template, hospital resource assessment with a Q & A session, and to provide information regarding the rural trauma team development course. The meeting was considered a success with an outstanding turnout.

The hospital resource assessment was mailed to all hospitals in April. The NC region enjoyed a 100% return of hospital resource assessments. The executive committee was active in assisting hospitals in the region with completion of the surveys.

On August 27, 2004, a trauma plan workshop was held at the Salina Regional Medical Center. The meeting was a working meeting structured into breakout sessions consistent with the trauma plan template. This was considered another valuable and informative meeting and participation from the region was very good.

Fifty ACS Gold Books were distributed throughout the region to general members and other interested parties assisting with regional planning. Fifty additional books were ordered and will be distributed at future trauma plan meetings.

The NCKRTC, Kansas SAFE KIDS Coalition and the Kansas Highway Patrol are partnering on a booster seat project. The region will purchase the booster seats and NCKRTC stickers and a brochure about the trauma region will be provided with each seat the highway patrol distributes in the NC region.

Emergency Medical Dispatch

(John, you may want to speak extemporaneously here, as I know very little about the project other than you have nearly spent all of your funds and it has been a huge success. It has also been a great example and help to other regions in their EMD planning).

The emergency medical dispatch project is near completion with APCO courses starting on October 8, 2004.

Conflict of Interest Statement Development

The executive committee along with the bylaws sub-committee developed and approved a conflict of interest statement. The executive committee found this important prior to delving too far into regional trauma plan development. The statement was based on Ron Bender's (NC executive committee member) experience in the Oregon Trauma System. I won't go into the statement a great deal as you will get to hear Ron talk about it right after lunch. The statement you find in your packet of information today is actually the statement the NC executive committee drafted.

Trauma Registry

Of the 13 hospitals in the NC region, 10 have been trained in the registry. In the 2nd quarter of 2004, 7 (70%) reported data, which has been consistent over the past four quarters.